Survey by Albion India INC. USA for Oil and Gas in the Krishna Godavari Basin

1247. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during a revaluation survey carried out by the President of Albion India Inc. USA, several prospects of striking oil and gas in shallow water have been identified during exploration activities in the Krishna Godavari basin on the east coast of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some action on the basis of such survey; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Exploration work in the block KG-OS-90/1 in Krishna Godavari offshore basin is in progress.

GAS Pipeline from Iran

1248. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has agreed to allow land roufe from Iran to India through its territory for gas pipeline;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) steps being taken to implement the project at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) It has been decided to study the feasibility of a gas pipeline from Iran along a sub-sea route lying outside the territorial waters of Pakistan. Bids for undertaking the feasibility study are under evaluation.

Collection of Money by IOC Employees

1249. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2184 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th August, 1994 and state:

(a) the terms of reference of enquiry conducted by IOC alongwith the designation of the Enquiry Officer on the allegations of coercion for forceful collections of money by a section of IOC employees in Kalyani and Haldia LPG Plant;

(b) was there any written enquiry report submitted by the Enquiry Committee; if so, whether it contains cross examination of the complainants before non-establishment of the allegation.

(c) in what capacity the Chief Divisional Manager-cum-State level Coordinator of IOC at Bhubaneshwar Divisional Office had circulated a D.O. letter to all contractors, dealers, distributors, transporters etc. to liberally donate for the Trust which was not patronised by IOC; and

(d) whether any action has been taken against this official for patronising a Trust against which complaints have been lodged officially by the Eastern India LPG Dealers' Association for forceful collection of Contribution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) An inquiry into the allegations of coercion for forceful collection of money by a section of IOC employees in Kalyani and Haldia LPG Plants was conducted by an Inquiry Committee headed by GM (LPG), Eastern Region, IOC.

(b) No inquiry report was furnished by the Inquiry Committee as the inquiry was verbal.